

SITUATION REPORT NO. 11
INCIDENT NO. 2000-016
DATE: June 20, 2000 TIME: 12:00 p.m.

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer
State Capitol
Bismarck, N.D. 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Flooding – Due to a series of thunderstorms since June 12 and high water tables, resulting from eight years of consecutive flooding.

2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No change from previous report.

DAMAGES: The National Weather Service (NWS) in Grand Forks indicated that Fargo received rainfall amounts of 7.16 inches in past 24 hours ending at 7:18 a.m. today. The torrential rainfall has caused extensive flooding throughout parts of the city. Reports out of Fargo estimate that 16,000 to 17,000 residents were without power from about 2:30 a.m. until 6:15 a.m. today. There are still approximately 1,700 residents without power. Power should be restored by the end of the day. The city sewage plant and the sanitary lift stations are functioning at capacity. There are reports of downed trees and limbs throughout the city. Ten percent of city streets are still inundated. The Fargo Dome has over six feet of water in the facility. The National Guard Armory is surrounded by water and not accessible. Storm legal drains are bank full or higher. Law enforcement officials in the city and county are working over time.

Road closures have been reported by the N.D. Highway Patrol and the N.D. Department of Transportation in the following areas: I-29 and I-94 are closed in the city of Fargo; and N.D. Highway 18, from Larimore north to U.S. Highway 2.

Roads that remain open but have water over roadway include: I-94 at Casselton exit at mile marker 331; N.D. Highway 3 south of Hurdsville at mile marker 132; N.D. Highway 200, west of Chasely at mile marker 257.

Additional thunderstorms are expected to develop across the region. A flash flood watch continues to be in effect for the following counties: Cass, Richland, Grand Forks and Traill.

Widespread showers and thunderstorms are expected again today with scattered showers tonight and Wednesday. Rainfall amounts will range

from one-half to one inch. The remainder of the workweek and into the weekend feature periodic chances for showers or thunderstorms.

A wind advisory is in effect today with winds 25 to 35 miles per hour (mph) with higher gusts over western and central North Dakota today.

The NWS has also issued a river flood warning for the following locations: the Red River in the Fargo area; the Sheyenne River downstream of Kindred to the Red River; the Maple River downstream of Enderlin to the Red River; and the Buffalo and South Branch of the Buffalo Rivers.

The Goose River in Traill County was at 7.6 feet as of 1:00 a.m. on June 20 and rising. Flood stage is seven feet and expected to crest today at 8.5 feet. The Mayville/Portland area received three to five inches of rainfall since last evening.

Sheridan County indicates that county road infrastructure is again damaged by water inundation and washes. The storm drainage ditch by the McClusky City Park is overflowing into the park and inundating a nearby street. Residents have reported problems caused by water in their basements.

Bottineau County Emergency Management reports roads are soft and in need of gravel over 55 percent of the county roads. Ponded water has caused damage to roadways and shoulders.

The city of Grafton states that 29 business and residents have reported damage as of June 19. Most damage estimates are between \$1,000 to \$1,500, with one up to \$10,000. Several businesses have reported damage from leaky roofs to flooded basements. Walsh County continues to monitor road and river conditions throughout the county.

3. RESOURCES:

LOCAL: No change from previous reports.

STATE: No change from previous reports.

FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTION: No change from previous reports.

MAJOR ACTIONS: Disaster declaration received at the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) today include: Griggs, Sheridan, Traill and Walsh Counties. Emergency declarations include Bottineau County, and the city of Upham in McHenry County.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: With the exception of continuing technical support, no additional assistance has been requested.

8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: Officials and staff representing the N.D. State Water Commission, N.D. Department of Transportation, N.D. Highway Patrol, the Governor's Office, N.D. Department of Human Services, the state's Congressional delegation, Federal Emergency

Management and N.D. Emergency Management Agency have been in the impacted area at various times.

9. OTHER: Additional reports will follow as information on damages and impacts become available.

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<http://www.state.nd.us/dem>.

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